

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-19.

New claims 20-69 for consideration by the Examiner are as follows:

20. (New) A method of conferencing, comprising the steps of:

retrieving a set of one or more data objects from a host computer, wherein said data objects represent a character;

processing the set of data objects in a storage device, the storage device located at a respective user site and having a storage system for data object storage;

operationally attaching a display system to at least one storage device;

operationally connecting the user site into the conference;

selecting a data object from the set of data objects and transmitting a control signal to indicate the selected data object; and

receiving the control signal and displaying the selected data object on the display system in response to the control signal.

21. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects having a graphical representation.

22. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving a set of data objects of at least one of common data objects and private data objects.

23. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the character is an ASCII character.

24. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are image data.
25. (New) The method of Claim 5, wherein the image data are selected from the group consisting of Joint Photographic Experts Group (.JPG), graphic interchange (.GIF), and fractal image compression (.FTC).
26. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are video data.
27. (New) The method of Claim 7, wherein the video data is in full multimedia file format (.MPG).
28. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are text.
29. (New) The method of Claim 9, wherein the text is one of standard ASCII text (.TXT) and Microsoft rich text (.RTF).
30. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are computer aided design (CAD).

31. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are drawings.
32. (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein the drawings are in the file format .BMP.
33. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are spreadsheets.
34. (New) The method of Claim 14, wherein the spreadsheets are in the file format .XLS or .WK1.
35. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are word processing files.
36. (New) The method of Claim 16, wherein the word processing files are in the format .DOC.
37. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are slide presentations.
38. (New) The method of Claim 18, wherein the slide presentations are in the file format .PPT.
39. (New) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of, at a respective user site, transmitting and receiving a signal to and from other user sites.

40. (New) The method of Claim 1, operationally connecting the user site into the conference via a wide area network, wherein the wide area network comprises an Internet network.
41. (New) The method of claim 1, operationally connecting the user site into the conference via a wide area network, wherein the wide area network comprises a satellite network.
42. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the receiving step further comprises;
- storing the received control signals;
 - subsequently retrieving the stored control signals; and
 - displaying the selected data objects in response to the retrieved control signals.
43. (New) The method of Claim 23, wherein the retrieving and displaying steps occur non-simultaneously at each user site.
44. (New) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps, at a user site, of:
- recording the signals to produce recorded signals;
 - playing the recorded signals; and
 - displaying selected data objects on a display system in response to the recorded signals.
45. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the signal is a voice communications signal.

46. (New) A method of conferencing, comprising the steps of:
- retrieving a set of executable data objects from a host computer;
 - processing the set of data objects in a storage device, the storage device located at a respective user site and having a storage system for data object storage;
 - operationally attaching a display system to at least one storage device;
 - operationally connecting the user site into the conference;
 - selecting a data object from the set of data objects and transmitting a control signal to indicate the selected data object; and
 - receiving the control signal and displaying the selected data object on the display system in response to the control signal.
47. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving a set of data objects of at least one of common data objects and private data objects.
48. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are image data.
49. (New) The method of Claim 29, wherein the image data are selected from the group consisting of Joint Photographic Experts Group (.JPG), graphic interchange (.GIF), and fractal image compression (.FTC).

50. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are video data.
51. (New) The method of Claim 31, wherein the video data is in full multimedia file format (.MPG).
52. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are text.
53. (New) The method of Claim 33, wherein the text is one of standard ASCII text (.TXT) and Microsoft rich text (.RTF).
54. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are computer aided design (CAD).
55. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are drawings.
56. (New) The method of Claim 36, wherein the drawings are in the file format .BMP.
57. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are spreadsheets.

58. (New) The method of Claim 38, wherein the spreadsheets are in the file format .XLS or .WK1.
59. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are word processing files.
60. (New) The method of Claim 40, wherein the word processing files are in the format .DOC.
61. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are slide presentations.
62. (New) The method of Claim 42, wherein the slide presentations are in the file format .PPT.
63. (New) The method of Claim 27 further comprising the step of, at a respective user site, transmitting and receiving a signal to and from other user sites.
64. (New) The method of Claim 27, operationally connecting the user site into the conference via a wide area network, wherein the wide area network comprises an Internet network.
65. (New) The method of claim 27, operationally connecting the user site into the conference via a wide area network, wherein the wide area network comprises a satellite network.
66. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the receiving step further comprises;

storing the received control signals;

subsequently retrieving the stored control signals; and

displaying the selected data objects in response to the retrieved control signals.

67. (New) The method of Claim 47, wherein the retrieving and displaying steps occur non-simultaneously at each user site.

68. (New) The method of Claim 27 further comprising the steps, at a user site, of:

recording the signals to produce recorded signals;

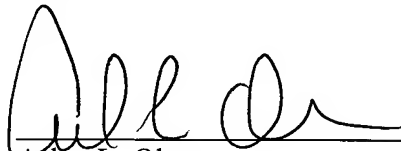
playing the recorded signals; and

displaying selected data objects on a display system in response to the recorded signals.

69. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the signal is a voice communications signal.

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